

"Duneira", has been run by six generations of the Banks family for over 130 years. Over this time it has successfully grazed sheep and cattle in a productive, viable, successful and natural way.

Generations of families have lived here, all as custodians of the land. Caring for it and managing it in a way that it is a successful productive family run sheep and cattle station, living alongside natural ecosystems and a healthy environment.

It is ready to pass on to the next generation who will continue to care for the land.

It is in our best interest to maintain a sustainable balance between grass and trees, for it is our business to care for the land which, then allows us to graze cattle that is our business and way of life, that continues to provide food for the world.

The country is managed by grazing in a conservative way, always allowing for the paddocks to naturally grow and regenerate in a sustainable way. Cattle are grazed at low stocking rates to allow the pastures to naturally continue to grow, self-mulch and regenerate at a natural rate.

Selective clearing over the years has allowed the land to viably graze cattle while native fauna and flora flourish. Mechanical clearing allows for the undergrowth to be kept down. Selective clearing creates a balance between woody weeds encroaching on native grassland pastures.

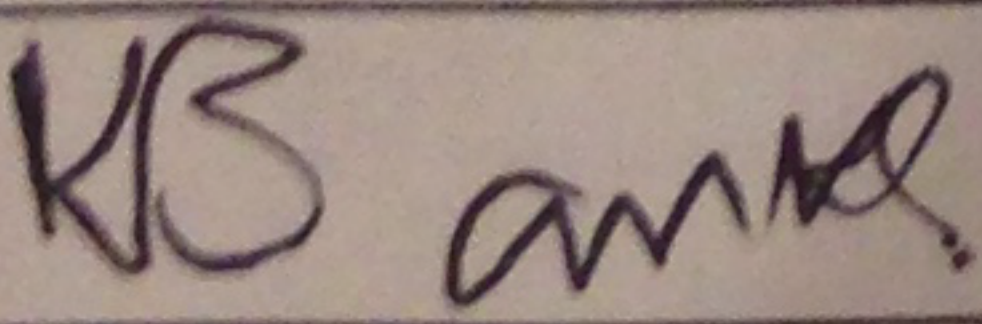
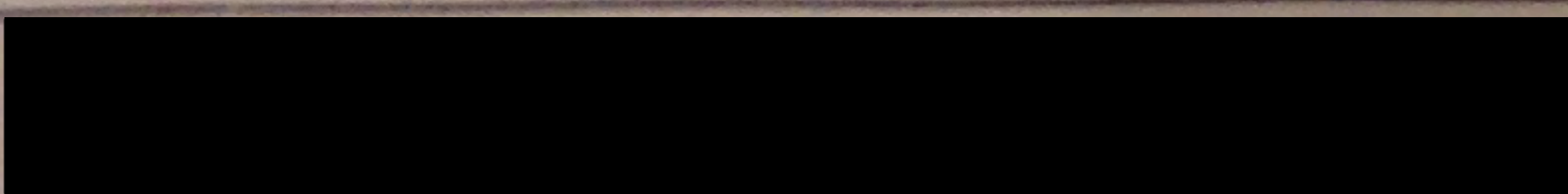
Mitchell grass pastures are a natural pasture that grow in this area of Blackall, with no selective clearing allowed these pastures will eventually become choked by woody weeds and encroachment of gidyea scrub.

Self-Assessable codes (SAC) are invaluable and more cost effective than lodging individual applications. SACs allow us to carry out routine vegetation management necessary to maintain a natural balance between grasses and trees.

A natural balanced environment encourages productive grazing country, which means productive farming business enterprises, which in turn relates to small rural towns and their business houses being viable too. A flow on effect through a whole community, which many urban dwellers would not have any understanding of how a small community relies heavily on all of its residents to maintain a viable sustainable community.

If you choose to visit "Duneira" which we welcome you to do, you would see a vast number of beautiful natural trees and native pastures growing. The native fauna and flora are abundant, there are minimal pest weeds or feral animals as we manage our land in a sustainable respectful way.

We sincerely hope that the Queensland Government and the committee listen to and review farmers submissions as we are already prepared to manage our land in an environmentally sustainable way.

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